

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation to facilitate proactive development of transmission infrastructure to access renewable energy resources for California.

Investigation 05-09-005  
(Filed September 8, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SCHEDULING WORKSHOPS ON RENEWABLE  
TRANSMISSION ISSUES**

The purpose of today's ruling is to notify respondents and interested parties in this proceeding that workshops will be held in San Francisco on December 6 and 7, 2005, starting at 9:30 a.m., concerning the top priority issues that need to be addressed to facilitate the proactive development of transmission infrastructure to access renewable energy resources. These workshops are scheduled consistent with the request of Assigned Commissioner Grueneich at the November 7, 2005 All-Party Meeting and the subsequent ruling of the Assigned Administrative Law Judge at the November 7, 2005 Prehearing Conference.

On November 15, 2005, respondents and interested parties filed comments on the top priority issues to be addressed in this proceeding in 2006 and 2007. The December 6 workshop will serve as a forum for rigorous dialog on the issues presented in the comments, as well as any other issues raised in the Order Instituting Investigation (OII). The dialog will begin with a review of the Commission's staff's proposed "top 6" issues and will continue until all parties

have had the opportunity to discuss the list of issues. The goal of this effort is to attempt to reach consensus on the list of priority issues for 2006 and 2007 to the degree possible. Respondents and interested parties should be prepared to discuss the critical implementation steps and timetables for addressing each of their top priority issues. Respondents and interested parties should also carefully review and consider how these steps and timetables relate to ongoing activities of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), California Energy Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The CAISO will be available to present and discuss its new transmission planning process and how it relates to renewable transmission.

The December 7, 2005 workshop will be primarily devoted to status reports by the Tehachapi Collaborative Study Group and the Imperial Valley Study Group, followed by a discussion of how the efforts of these working groups can assist in resolving the issues raised in this proceeding.

An agenda for the workshops will be provided to the service list in this proceeding on November 29, 2005. Commission staff will facilitate and participate in the workshops. I plan to attend and observe some or all of the workshop sessions. I anticipate that an Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Ruling and Work Plan (ACR) will be issued in December after completion of the workshop process. Any questions regarding the workshop agenda should be forwarded to Andrew Schwartz of the Commission's Division of Strategic Planning, at [as2@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:as2@cpuc.ca.gov).

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. A workshop is hereby scheduled for December 6 and 7, 2005, starting at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom, at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San

Francisco, California, to discuss and seek consensus on the top priority issues in this proceeding.

2. Workshop participants will also discuss the progress and objectives of the Tehachapi Collaborative Study Group and the Imperial Valley Study Group.

3. The results of the workshop will be taken into account in the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Work Plan to be issued in December.

Dated November 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JULIE HALLIGAN

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Julie Halligan  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Scheduling Workshops on Renewable Transmission Issues on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO

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